

Mason Laroche, I oppose bills HB0667 and HB06816. These bills are trying to restrict constitutional rights as United States citizens. These sort of laws have been passed in other states and they have not stopped or reduced any sort of gun violence. In many cases has led to increased gun violence after these laws are put into effect. If you restrict legally purchased firearms in this state then you are not stopping the mass majority of crimes that are committed with illegal or not legally possessed firearms. These laws only affect legal firearms bought through Connecticut legal system and would not stop the illegal possession of firearms by criminals.

Microstamping is a breach of rights against the American Citizens. The government is trying to collect a database where they can monitor us and collect information on us. Does the government expect every single citizen in all of connecticut goto these stamping centers and have our firearms modified so they can spy on every bullet casing they find and know exactly who shot it in the state? This microstamping is not going to stop criminals, only citizens that want to follow Connecticut laws will goto these centers and have their firearm microstamped. These bills are ineffective and useless in their purpose of reducing gun violence within the state of Connecticut.

The bills in question only restrict law abiding citizens. This only gives the criminals the upper hand who do not follow laws and do not buy firearms legally. This allows criminals to run around knowing with Connecticut's strict laws against our own self defense and completely defenseless population they can do whatever they please. We have some of the most restrictive gun laws within the country and we are still pushing forward trying to restrict them even further. How far is the government willing to go with these restrictions until they realize their efforts within the community socially are much stronger than these unconstitutional restrictions.

Raising the age limit to buy ammunition in this state would force citizens under the age of 21 who have long gun permits that can and do buy ammunition to go through an additional process just to buy ammunition for the firearms they already own. I as a 19 year old male with a long gun permit would have to go through the slow and lengthy process of getting another permit after I already have done my due diligence and went through the process of getting a long gun permit. The process for acquiring the long gun permit already does fingerprinting and criminal background checks. Why should I, a law abiding citizen, be put through more background checks due to my age? This bill seems to only be made to restrict LEGAL ADULTS from purchasing firearms and using firearms even though it is our constitutional rights for ADULTS to be protected by the United states constitution which allows me as an ADULT to bear arms. This could mean some citizens would have the rights to only buy the firearm, but cant purchase ammunition for them which would make the firearm utterly useless. Many younger individuals are discouraged from going through the long gun permit and pistol permit due to how long it takes to complete the process, Adding another permit that would require younger individuals would be a deterrent to using their 2nd amendment right.

Making firearms any more difficult Than the laws we already have in place, that are restrictive unconstitutional atrocities that have been passed within the state is a disgusting and grotesque violation or are constitutional rights especially our 2nd amendment.

We are the constitution state and we must uphold our constitutional rights. That is why I oppose laws that go against the constitution, The 2nd amendment states "shall not be infringed" making laws that restrict guns is infringing on the constitutional right that Connecticut claims to uphold.

Thank you for reading my testimony,
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